

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/559,347

Applicant(s)

CHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin M Bernatz

Art Unit

1773

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Kevin M Bernatz.

(3) _____.

(2) Raj S. Dave.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 20 April 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1,3 and 4.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ross et al..

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants were advised that inclusion of the limitations of claims 3 and 4 would be adequate to overcome the Ross et al. reference, which fails to teach the unexpected results shown in Figures 4 and 5. Applicants were also advised that a showing of unexpected results could be attempted using a preferred range of Nb content. Applicant stated a preference to argue the reasons for combining the references versus amending the claim language.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required